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*Washington, D.C.* – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced that the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) will receive \$8.5 million for their Regional Transportation Center. Rep. McNerney helped secure the funds by writing to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in July of this year. The money will create 250 jobs in San Joaquin County.

“I was happy to advocate for the RTD to get this grant money, as we desperately need good initiatives that will generate growth and bring new jobs. At a time when San Joaquin County has such a great need for economic growth, this money will help bolster the economy by improving our public transportation systems,” said Rep. McNerney.

“The news that this money will bring 250 jobs to San Joaquin County couldn’t come at a better time. That will make a huge difference in our community,” said Rep. McNerney.

Thanks to this money, the RTD will be able to build a new fuel and bus wash facility as part of a new administrative and maintenance facility to consolidate operations of the transit system. The Regional Transportation Center will eventually include a 91,000 square foot maintenance facility and a 36,000 square foot operations building. The funding comes from the FTA’s Good Repair Bus and Bus Facilities Program.

“Maintaining and building upon our infrastructure is such a vital part of economic growth. The money awarded today will help the local economy, as well as bring welcome improvements to our air quality, and reduce traffic on our roads,” said Rep. McNerney.